

I vehemently oppose relaxing the rules allowing for further consolidation of media outlets. This action, if allowed, will further degrade the already paltry state of media coverage. Media corporations and their executives are already too closely affiliated with congress to the point of becoming complicit in government affairs. When the few media companies left want to ensure the rules are stacked in their favor to maximize PROFITS, rather than provide a PUBLIC DISCOURSE on the affairs that govern citizens, and refuse to report anything that would jeopardize that relationship, the public loses. We may have already lost. Instead, we get an unofficial government propaganda machine. Instead of working to relax the rules of ownership, why don't you just spare us the time and hassle and cut to the chase. Create a Ministry of Information; perhaps a cabinet level department? If you relax the rules any further, we'll have a U.S. version of TASS news service in just a couple of years.